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SAYS AMERICA IS WITHOUT A FRIEND

Stumbling Policy is Responsible
Former Secretary Daniels
Now Asserts

Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, delivered an interesting address at the meeting of the Lions' Club in Nashville last Tuesday. The former secretary paid a fine compliment to Tennessee and the valued service rendered during the war.

"In the capital of this great state I wish to say that the contribution which Tennessee made to the preparation of the navy to do its part in the war is largely due to the great statesmanship of Lemuel Padgett, the chairman of the naval affairs committee. There is no man in Washington, there is no admiral in the navy and there never has been a secretary of the navy in 25 years who know so much about the navy or whose technical knowledge was so exact or who was so sensible and far-sighted as was Mr. Padgett. Mr. Padgett, a product of your own state, had the vision in 1915, to have enacted a naval bill which provided more ships and more money than any bill ever passed by the legislative body in the history of the world.

"Tennessee, indeed, has a claim in the leadership in this great war. When the war was on it was my duty to call upon a man for a very responsible task, that of providing a safe convoy for the soldiers who crossed the sea. When it became my duty to select an admiral for this service I selected Admiral Albert S. Gleaves, of Tennessee. I am happy to know that his people have presented him with a sword in recognition of his services.

"When the German raiders appeared off the coast of the Caribbean, it was necessary to send some one there for the protection, for this service I selected Admiral William Caperton, of Tennessee."

Concerning the situation of the United States Mr. Daniels said: "Today the United States of America has no friend on the face of the earth, not one. Two years ago at this time we were the most beloved people. Our nation was revered and honored by nations great and small.

"We have halted, stumbled and failed the world in its crisis until we have lost the friendship and confidence of mankind all over the world."

Will Rush Graduation

The Naval Academy class of 1922 at Annapolis, the present second class consisting 660 members, who would ordinarily graduate from the Academy and be commissioned ensigns in the navy in June 1922, will by order of Secretary Denby of the navy, be graduated and commissioned on December next. This action was taken, it is said, because of the urgent need for additional officers in the navy. Marion Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murphy, of Huntingdon, is a member of this class, and we understand he will be permitted to visit home twice during this year, the first visit in June, when his friends will give him the glad hand on his early graduation.

Chamber of Commerce

The Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce will meet at the court house Thursday night to discuss ways and means to get congress to appropriate money to build a post-office or custom house in Huntingdon.

Good roads, growing potatoes and other subjects will also be discussed. Everyone in Huntingdon and vicinity invited to be present.

An Honest Young Man

Carl Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spencer, of Huntingdon, who is a chauffeur of the Yellow Cab Company in Chicago, got himself prominently in the papers of that city a few days ago, by proving himself to be, what his friends

here always claimed for him, an honest young man. After taking an aged lady from a hotel to a railroad station he returned to his post and opened the door of his cab with intent to clean up. On the floor he found an over night bag which he turned into the company and which was found to contain \$10,000 worth of jewelry. Upon investigation it was found that the bag belonged to Mrs. R. W. Sears, widow of the founder of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and she was located in a Boston Hotel. In the big city, where there is so much robbery and stealing going on, it was so refreshing to find a young man honest as Carl proved himself to be, that the incident got into the papers under big head lines.

HOOVER GOES ON RAILROAD BOARD

Former Governor is Appointed
By President to Represent
the Public

The three vacancies on the railroad labor board were filled Saturday by President Harding by the nomination of Walter L. McMenimen, of Massachusetts, deputy president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, to represent the labor group; Samuel Higgins of New York, former general manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, to represent the management group; and Ben W. Hooper, former governor of Tennessee to represent the public group.

The salary is \$10,000 a year and it a very important position, especially when you consider the strained relations existing between the railroad management and the labor organizations.

Gov. Hooper was seeking the position of commissioner of internal revenue and it was thought, up to the very day of his appointment, that he would land this position. For some reason he was shifted to the railroad labor board. The salaries of the two positions are the same.

QUARTERLY COURT HOLD EXTRA SESSION

Forty Thousand Dollars in Bonds Issued and School Measures Are Passed

An adjourned session of the Carroll County Quarterly Court was held last Monday. The object of this session was to dispose of the bond question and to put the county in line to get all coming to it, under the new state laws, for school purposes.

The county is badly in debt, its warrants are being sold over the county at from 75c to 85c on the dollar, and the proposition was to issue bonds to pay off these outstanding obligations.

The first proposition was to place the issue at \$60,000. This met with strong opposition and was finally killed by a small margin. The amount was then fixed at \$40,000, which was passed. The discussion was pretty lively and at times a little heated. Of the \$40,000 issue \$25,000 is to go to paying outstanding indebtedness and \$15,000 to take care of any deficit that may occur this year, growing out of a failure of the county court to fix a tax rate high enough to defray the necessary expenses of the county under the present assessment. There are those who think that this latter clause viciates the legality of the issue and will prevent their sale.

The school proposition went through with a rush. Some opposition developed, but did not manifest itself in the vote. The schools of the county will be taken care of for the next year, which should be good news to those who wish to see our schools prosper.

The meeting of the court was largely attended by members of the court and interested spectators.

A few strawberries have been placed on the local market, but they are of an inferior quality. The berry has had a hard time making under the weather conditions that have obtained this spring.

CUMBERLAND PHONE ASKS RATE INCREASE

Declares it Will be Forced Into Bankruptcy Unless Revenue is Augmented

Claiming that it will be forced into bankruptcy unless given immediate relief, the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, through its attorney, Thomas N. Greer, at Nashville last Monday, filed a petition with the Public Utilities Commission asking an increase in rates throughout the state.

The petition is a lengthy document outlining the company's reasons for applying for an increase in rates and gives in detail the operating expenses and net earnings during the past three years. It is claimed that the company has failed to realize a sufficient earning to pay its interest charges.

Patrons in the two larger cities, Nashville and Memphis, will be affected more than other cities. The proposed rate sought will increase business telephones in the two larger cities \$1.75 monthly, while the residence telephones would be increased 85 cents. In Chattanooga, the rate on business phones will be increased \$1.50 and in Knoxville \$1.25 monthly. The proposed increases in smaller towns and in the country will be somewhat less.

Dr. Gordon Dead

Dr. B. G. Gordon, a prominent physician of the Macedonia community, died last Saturday evening after an illness of long duration. The death was caused from a complication of diseases. The deceased was 74 years old and for nearly 40 years had practiced his profession in the community in which he resided at the time of his death, and was regarded as a very fine doctor. Dr. Gordon was a member of the Presbyterian church and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a useful man and his death

is regretted. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and several sisters. The burial occurred last Sunday at Shiloh after funeral and burial services conducted by Rev. Geo. L. Johnson. Dr. Gordon was genial and kind in his disposition and made many friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

To Repair Road

A movement is on foot to repair and put in good condition the road leading from Huntingdon to Beuna Vista. B. C. Joyner took up a subscription in Huntingdon this week to aid the work. He met with a liberal response and the work is to begin soon. We understand the Buena Vista people and citizens along the road are to participate in the good work.

TORNADO AND RAINS DO GREAT DAMAGE

Several States Were Hit Hard,
Many Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed

A heavy tornado started in Texas last Friday night and sweeping a path across Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama and into Georgia did great damage to both life and property. It claimed over 100 lives and we have seen nothing claiming to be an accurate estimate of property loss, but it was very heavy.

Arkansas was hardest hit. In one county, Hempstead, over 40 lives were lost, and 17 in Miller county. Texas reported nine deaths, Alabama 14 and Mississippi eight.

Heavy torrential rains which followed in all the states hit by the tornado added to the seriousness of the situation and delayed relief work, causing much suffering. Hundreds of families lost their homes and were caught in the heavy rains without shelter or protection.

In Tennessee property damage was reported at Lynnville, Newport, Cornersville and other points, but no lives were lost. In the vicinity of Jackson the damage to roads, bridges and private property is around half a million dollars.

PENSION INCREASE FOR OLD SOLDIERS

June 1 the Old Confederates Will Begin Receiving \$5 a Month Increase

The board of pension examiners is receiving daily many letters in regard to the act of the sixty-second general assembly increasing pensions to confederate soldiers. For the benefit of all concerned the secretary of the board desires it to be known that under the new act all soldiers now on the pension roll or that may hereafter be added to the roll are to receive \$20 a month and none shall receive more than that amount. Under the old act pensioners were paid \$15 a month, except those 80 years old and over, who are allowed \$5 extra, but under the new act all soldiers are placed on an equal footing, \$20 a month, except those of the "first class," now six in number, who shall be paid \$25 a month each. The first class pensioners are soldiers who, in the line of their duty lost both arms or both legs. The legislature appropriated \$125,000 in addition to the amounts already appropriated for pensions to meet the increased pensions provided for in this act. The act takes effect June 1, 1921.

In all other respects the pension laws remain undisturbed.

Provision was made in the new act for the payment of \$10 a month to all negro cooks who served to the close of the war in the confederate armies.

Made Big Raid

Deputy Sheriff Ed McNail, of McKenzie, brought a negro in Wednesday morning and turned him over to Sheriff Aden who placed him in jail. The negro had been caught in a craps game and could not pay the fine or give bond so he was committed to jail. The McKenzie officers raided a craps game Sunday night and caught sixteen out of the twenty engaged in the sport. Fifteen of the number paid their fines or made bonds. The three that escaped have not been arrested.

Medical Association to Meet

On next Tuesday, April 26, the Carroll County Medical Association will meet at the court house in Huntingdon. A splendid program has been arranged and a large attendance of physicians from over the county is anticipated. All members of the association are urged to be present, and all physicians who are not members, have a cordial invitation, which we hope you will accept. The program is as follows: "Cancer of the Uterus," Dr. L. W. Edwards, Nashville; to open the discussion, Dr. J. B. Cox, Huntingdon; "The Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus," Dr. V. E. Massey, Huntingdon; to open discussion, Dr. J. H. Williams, McKenzie.

To be a member of the Carroll County Medical Association means to be a better doctor.

Aged Woman Dead

Carroll county lost one of her oldest citizens in the death of Mrs. Harriet Roark, widow of Carroll Roark, which occurred at the home of her son, Alvin Roark, in the Twenty-fourth district. She was in her 97th year, was a member of the Christian church and a woman highly respected in her community. She is survived by three sons, Alvin, Willie and Gray Roark; four grandchildren and 54 great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Newt Abernathy and L. A. Wilson, and the interment followed in the Sellers graveyard. Mrs. Roark was, perhaps, the oldest woman in the county and she was greatly esteemed because of her splendid worth in the community.

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